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LOG STAFF HOLDS ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Sprague Men Take Part in National Boy Scout Observance - Feb. 7-13

The "Trail" District of the Berkshire Council of The Boy Scouts of America observes Scout week by showing the residents of North Adams and Williamstown what scouting really is.

There are store window displays stressing many phases of Boy Scout work. One such window dwells on the theme of camping, and is designed and arranged by our own Bob Moors, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 42, and Harold Twitchell, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 33—of which Bob Fairbanks is Troop Committeeman.

Handicrafts Displayed in Store Windows

Another window display in which Sprague men have been actively engaged is built around scout handicraft. This window is being partially arranged by "Bud" Barton, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 58—of which Bob Teeple is Troop Committee Chairman, and "Carl" Perry is Troop Committeeman. Cub Pack No. 62, of which Oliver Ledger is Cub Master, and Cub Pack No. 58 of which Larry Hiser is Cub Master, also have a prominent display.

Williamstown has its own display set-ups, one of which is arranged by "Art" Ceely's Cub Pack No. 59. Mr. Ceely is Pack Committee Chairman and has been very active in Cubwork.

Scouts and Scouters in this district observed Scout Sunday by attending their respective churches in uniform in the morning, and journeying to Pittsfield in the afternoon to witness a council-wide "Tenderfoot" Investiture ceremony under the direction of Mr. Perry S. S. Jackson, Council Scout Executive.

Thursday, February 13th will wind up Scout Week activities with a District Court of Honor at Drury High School in North Adams.

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Ski Lift at "Dutch Hill"



Many of the Sprague employees have enjoyed skiing at "Dutch Hill". This shows the new Alpine Ski Lift -- one of the finest in New England.

—Ken Russell

Sprague "War Born" Capacitors Improve Modern Hearing Aids

Where They Go? and Who Uses Them?...are questions which many Sprague workers ask themselves as they work on the hundreds of different kinds of Sprague capacitors, resistors and other special components. We also read much in the newspapers and magazines about the way the hundreds of new inventions and improvements developed during the war have been converted to peace time production.

Here at Sprague's, among the many interesting technical developments which were made during the war, came the miniature capacitors for the VT fuse and other miniature electronic assemblies.

Because of its outstanding war time research on miniature capacitors, Sprague Electric Company now is able to offer a new type of capacitor which completely solves the problem of small capacitors for use in modern hearing aids and other midget electronic assemblies for peace time production.

For many years one of the major problems in the designing of light weight hearing aids has been the physical size of capacitors and other parts. In the past, where a reduction was made in the size of capacitors, it was accompanied by a sacrifice of their performance at high humidity, but Sprague engineering has overcome that obstacle.

Of course there are many other technical points with which our Engineering and Sales Departments have had to deal in preparing and presenting these new developments to the manufacturers of hearing aids. However, we think it is interesting to us all to realize in what kinds of machinery, equipment or devices Sprague components are used,—as in these hearing aids, or in radios, refrigerators, telephone systems, radar equipment, television equipment, fluorescent lighting and scores of other products. There are many more home and industrial applications of the electrical and electronic components which Sprague employees make and we hope from now on you may be able to read about

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Department Reporters, Plant Editors Sports Editors, Assistant Editors and Invited Guests Enjoy Fourth Annual Log Dinner

Monday evening, February 10th, nearly seventy members of the Sprague LOG Staff and their invited guests assembled for the Fourth Annual LOG Dinner in the Richmond Blue Room. For the dancing which followed, music was furnished by Bill Campedelli of Material Control Department and his fine orchestra. Pre-Valentine's Day gifts for all the ladies were distributed and during the dinner courses there was group singing as well as special music, while Miss Jane Windover of the Sales Department entertained charmingly, singing in cabaret fashion from table to table, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Saulnier at the piano.

The Log Social Committee, with Mrs. Mary Mathews as Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild, Managing Editor of the Log, are to be congratulated for their work in arranging the party, the table decorations and favors. They also worked out the prize dances and other prize awards which helped to get everybody into the spirit of the occasion.

Jimmie Oldham Toastmaster

Mr. Jimmy Oldham of the Purchasing Department again took over the reins as toastmaster (if toastmasters use reins) and treated the party to an unusual bit of toastmastering. As the guests entered the Blue Room they could see only one chair at the speakers table. Then, when all were seated they saw Mr. Oldham occupying the entire table by himself. This did not phase him in the least and he proceeded with his dinner in solitary grandeur...until he discovered that

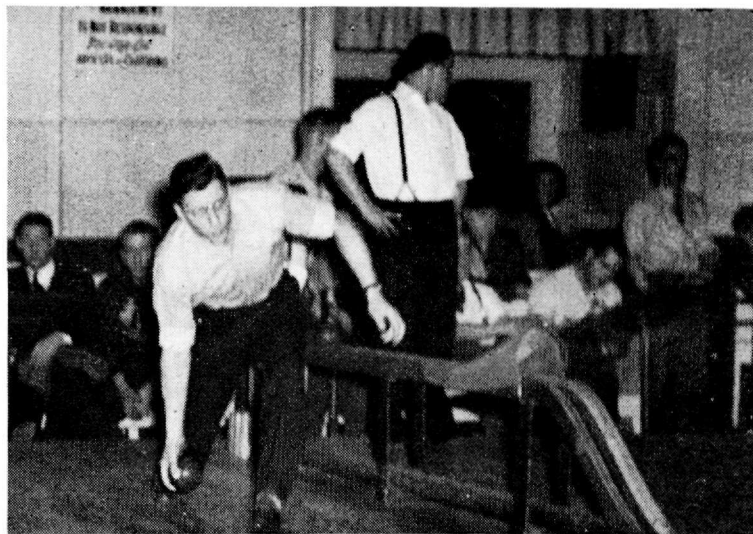
President R. C. Sprague Congratulates Log Staff

Following the dinner the toastmaster introduced for brief remarks several of Log Staff members and guests who reported to the head table when called upon and remained there after taking their bow. In this way Mr. Oldham contrived to have a full quota at his table when it came time for him to call on Mr. R. C. Sprague, President, for his talk to the Log Staff. In his talk Mr. Sprague congratulated the reporters on their consistent service to the Log and wished them all kinds of success in the future.

A novel note was struck when Jimmy Oldham asked each table in turn to sing a song and named the song for them. These round table songs were received with enthusiastic applause. 'Kit' Carson rang the bell when he read a clever set of verses entitled: "Number, Please!"

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Sending Them Down The Alleys...



George Forgea of Maintenance gets a bead of the head pin, as Walt Rogowski of the Can Shop remarks: "You heard me, Clint, chalk it up!"

—Bowling Photos By Al Horsfall

"Thank You" Letter to Sprague Electric

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Northampton, Mass.
January 31, 1947

Sprague Electric Company
North Adams,
Massachusetts

Receipt of your recent donation of a quantity of victrola records is gratefully acknowledged.

These records will become a part of the record library for use in the Sprague Room which is continuing to provide a fine facility for the patients at this hospital.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,
S. W. KAUFFMAN,
Chief, Special Services

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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What Would Lincoln Say Today ?

If Lincoln were alive today his thoughts would be profound, his words simple and direct.

He would tell us it takes time to reach great goals. The great Emancipator would observe that much progress has been made since his famous proclamation, but he would say that much remains to be done, not only for the people he set free, but for other racial, religious and social groups.

The martyred President would see that we are living in a new age; but he would say that although progress means change, not all change means progress. He would say that we must learn to use our high place of leadership among the nations with wisdom, firmness and prudence,--without once surrendering our basic principles of liberty and justice for all.

We believe Lincoln would remind us in no uncertain terms of the tremendously higher standard of living we enjoy in America. We believe he would earnestly urge us to see to it that neither internal strife nor the scheming of foreign politicians destroy this high standard. And finally we believe that Abraham Lincoln would say today that employer and employees should strive together to secure that full production and that maximum efficiency on which our high standard of living and our individual well-being depend -- so that we demonstrate to the world the true meaning of Democracy . . . and so that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth!

Did You Know That . . .

A "thinking" furnace is soon to become a reality through the magic of electronics. As the weather changes, an electronic device will start or automatically turn off the home heating plant without the aid of a human hand.

Heat so intense that it would melt asbestos or fire brick like wax--twice the temperature of molten steel, is found around us constantly. That is the temperature at which a tungsten filament operates in a lamp; a temperature higher than any other artificial heat ordinarily encountered by man.

"If we want to keep a dynamic economy, making possible a high average per capita income and a continuation of high wages, we must keep a free market and free economy. That is why America became the greatest nation in the world. Only in this way may the full weight of our industry come into play and produce goods we want at reasonable prices, whether it be meat or automobiles."

—George S. Benson

Log Staff Get-Together

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Souvenirs For The Ladies

Other interesting features included the "Nut-Cup" prizes, the "Spot" Dance prize, and the Elimination Dance prize, besides the colorful presentation of the nosegay, valentine handkerchiefs as souvenir gifts for each lady present.

The party closed to the final strains of Bill Campedelli's dance orchestra and the Fourth Annual Log Get-together was entered on the records as another happy and successful event.

Sprague Men In Boy Scout Week

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Other Sprague men who are devoting their leisure hours to this commendable work and deserve honorable mention, are "Larry" Dufrain and "Bernie" Stackpole -- Neighborhood Commissioners; "Pete" Mancuso -- Chairman of the Board of Review; "Ray" Scerbo -- Scoutmaster of Troop No. 53; Bill Lesure, Jr. -- Troop Committee Chairman, Troop No. 5; Tom Cullen -- Berkshire Council Commissioner.

In the next issue of the Log, there will be a picture showing two Scoutmasters from Sprague's with the window display which they sponsored.

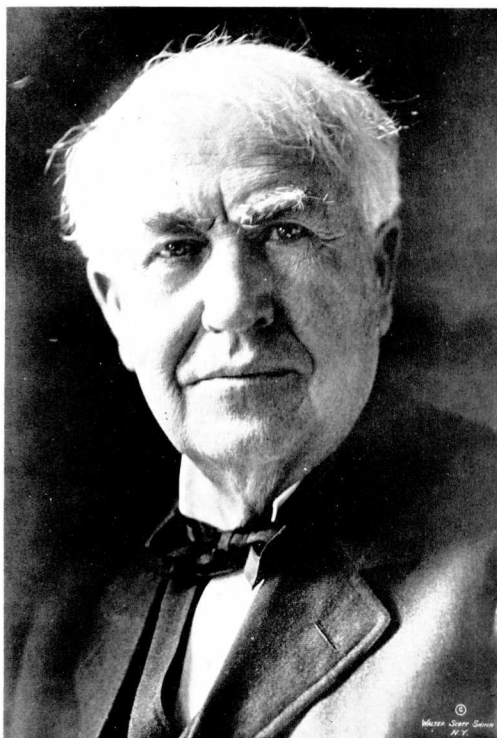
—Tom Cullen

"War Born" Hearing Aids

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one or more of them in the Log.

It is a long cry from the good old ear trumpet so often caricatured in the comics to the modern miniature hearing aids which are scarcely visible. We should be proud that Sprague "know how" and Sprague efficiency on the production line are contributing so much to the well being and comfort of people everywhere in this new Electronic age.



THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Inventive Genius - Benefactor of Mankind

February 11, 1947 brings us the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, whose greatest fame is usually associated with the incandescent lamp. But this invention was only one of thousands that he perfected during his long and active life. To him many of the industries today owe their beginning. It has been said that one out of every nine persons in the United States is engaged in a business which Edison helped to make possible.

Edison was more than a great scientist and great inventor. He was a great American. Let us pay tribute this year to Thomas Alva Edison on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. Let us pay honor,--not only to an inventive genius, but to a benefactor of his country and of all mankind.

In his last public utterance on June 11, 1931 Mr. Edison said:--

"MY MESSAGE TO YOU IS -- BE COURAGEOUS. I HAVE LIVED A LONG TIME. I HAVE SEEN HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN. I HAVE SEEN DEPRESSIONS IN BUSINESS. ALWAYS AMERICA HAS COME OUT STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS. BE BRAVE AS YOUR FATHERS BEFORE YOU. HAVE FAITH. GO FORWARD."

Ye
Country Editor
Says:-



"Profits make jobs you can count on"...

As I see it, you can't expect folks to keep meeting payrolls very long if they can't come out with a profit at the end of the year. I mean enough profits to make sure a concern can keep on going ahead. Anyway you figure it, high costs and high taxes and tough competition will keep profits from getting over big. But without real profits a company would soon be without real jobs. . . . On the other hand, when a company is making money a man or woman can be pretty sure that their jobs -- or better ones -- will be there this year, next year and the year after -- and that goes for Sprague Electric. . . . It seems to me there's nothing more important to the prosperity and security of men and women than to have their company earn a reasonable profit year after year . . . and as long as that is true at Sprague's, -- then a Sprague job will continue to be a good job to have . . . and hold onto.

-- Ye Country Editor
(and that goes for ALL the country -- all the way from North Adams, Mass. to San Diego, Cal.)

Weddings

Chalifoux-Gilbert

Mrs. Mary A. Gilbert and Mr. Raymond Chalifoux were united in marriage, January 25th, at the First Baptist Church. "Ray" is employed in the Can Shop.

Hafner-Corsi

Miss Helen Marietta Corsi became the bride of Mr. Jason B. Hafner of Clarksburg on January 25th at the First Methodist church. The bride is employed in the Networks Laboratory at Marshall Street.

Stevenson-LaFountain

Miss Alice Winifred LaFountain became the bride of Mr. Edward Charles Stevenson on January 25th at Notre Dame church. The bride is employed in the PAA. Department.

Palmer-Gieseler

Mrs. Betty Crawford Gieseler and Mr. Earl Gordon Palmer were united in marriage on January 25th at the First Baptist church. The bride is employed in the Boxing Department.

Reappointed to Board

John D. Washburn, Personnel Manager, has been re-appointed to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Berkshire branch of the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

Sugar Saving Recipes

Just reach for that bottle of corn syrup! It can be the sole sweetener for an elegant frosting or the base for tempting cakes and pies. It's easy to use, says Better Homes & Gardens magazine, will shortcut many a recipe for you — and it's always good eating. How about a cherry pie for February?

Deep Dish Cherry Pie

4 cups drained, pitted, canned cherries
2 tablespoons sugar
4 tablespoons cornstarch
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cherry syrup
1 tablespoon melted butter or fortified margarine
1 cup light or dark corn syrup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ recipe Plain Pastry
Place cherries in 9-inch, deep pie dish. Combine sugar, cornstarch, and

At Lecture Series

The lecture series on Community Resources, given at Pittsfield each Monday evening have been most instructive as well as interesting, according to Miss Etta Owen, R.N. head nurse, and Mrs. Marion Caron, personnel interviewer, who are attending the series as Sprague representatives.

The talk on February 3rd emphasized the health of the employee and of his family in relation to his job. The various services rendered by health agencies were discussed and a panel discussion followed.

The lecture on February 10th will cover the use of leisure time as it affects good job performance. Information on available resources which provide contrast to the employee's daily work will be discussed.

How To Keep From Growing Old

*Never fasten ladders,
It's fun to see them slide;
Never wear your goggles,
Remember you have pride.*

*Never put on gloves,
They're cumbersome as hell;
Be as careless as you can,
None will ever tell.*

*Never read the safety rules,
All they are is bluff
By guys who draw a salary
For handing out that stuff.*

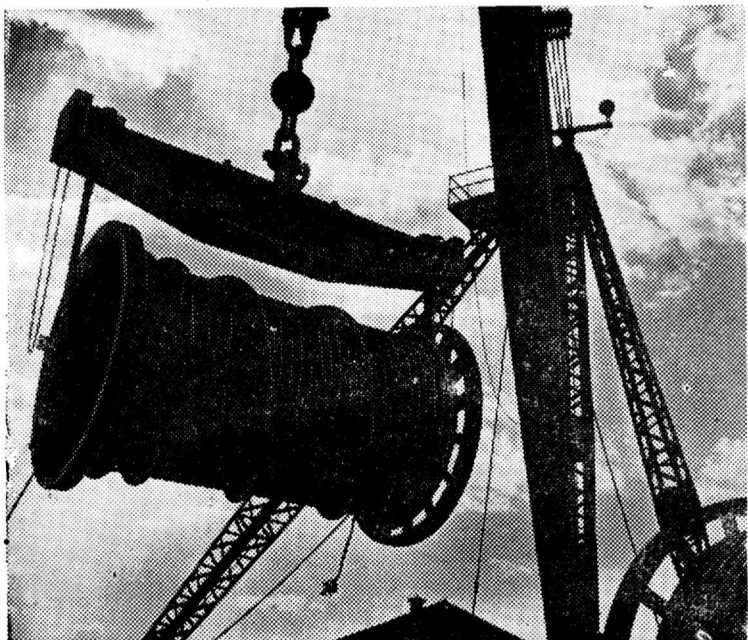
*Abide by all the rules above,
Don't do as you are told,
And I'll guarantee you, brother,
That you never will grow old.*

salt. Add remaining ingredients; blend. Pour over cherries. Roll 9-inch pastry circle ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick). With pastry wheel, cut 5 wedge-shaped pieces. Arrange on top of cherries. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) 10 minutes; then in moderate oven (350 degrees) 35 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

Syrup Cake

Thoroughly cream $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, 1 teaspoon vanilla; add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar; gradually add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup light corn syrup. Sift together $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cake flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and 2 teaspoons baking powder. Add one-fourth of the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture; beat smooth. Add 2 unbeaten eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add remaining dry ingredients alternately with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk. Pour into 2 waxed-paper-lined, 8-inch layer cake pans. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 30 to 35 minutes. Cool.

Camera Conquest At Sunset



The Cameraman submitted this silhouette with a show-stealing backdrop of sky clouds. Profiled against them is a spool of electrical cable, swinging out to put another link in a nation's power networks.



Wire Coating

By "Crene" Tatrow

We're happy to learn Helen Burdick received that long-awaited telephone call from her son, Bob. She must have thrilled to hear his voice after so many months!

Some folks don't mind the cold. We hear Paul Sanford and Ralph Blood went ice fishing — but we hear nothing about the fish!

We're glad to have Earle Washburn with us again.

Best luck to Larry Weld who was transferred to the Beaver Plant. We hear you like it very much.

I. O. Final Assembly

By Fern Wright

I try to be a real live wire
Full of pep and go—
But when it comes to Log news
It really isn't so.

I'll try to give the lineup
Of some of our busy bees —
Mary Santelli, a killer if there ever was one,

Vivian Shaw also rocks the room with glee,
Gus Trahan is always on the spot,

And Phyllis Bentley has just tied the lovers' knot.
Teddy Czerwinski is powerful in his work —

And Ken Russell is always on the alert.
Lena Yanke is very jolly — Dot

Bellard, too,
Dave Archambo always comes smiling thru'.

(Next time, I'll give the others some attention—At the present, there's nothing more to mention.)

We extend deep sympathy to Najib Davis on the death of his father.

I. O. Stacking

By L. White and L. Vincelette

NOTICE: Poker lessons given any night — contact Milly Conroy. (Of course, you use a pinochle deck — it's easier to win that way.)

This isn't "Allen's Alley", but the question of the week is: *Should a working girl marry?* The following answers were given by our intellectual co-workers:

B. Stackpole — Yes, because if she didn't work — who'd marry her?

E. DeSanty—But definitely—if she can get a man.

"Ag" Houghton—Silly question!
Ed Bury—I don't care—as long as they let me be a bachelor!

Pauline Martin should be told that wallpaper remover is sold at Quinn's. . . it's much easier than leaving the radiator cap off.

Nan Barschdorf is missed by all — we're glad to learn she made such a rapid recovery.

Welcome to the Department, Betty Jangrow, Helen Foote and Mary Bowman.

Poor Sadie Champagne! The anacin factory must be making money on you lately.

Upper K.V.A.

By "Brown Eyes"

Dreams Out of This World:
Evelyn Therrien—jitterbugging
Daisy Meland—smoking a cigarette
"Red" Contois—singing Hey! Ba-ba-re-bop
Sally Haskell—quiet as a mouse
Isabel Witherell—reading the Woman's Home Companion!

Pome:
I eat my peas with honey —
I've done it all my life.
It makes the peas taste funny
But it keeps them on my knife.

For a Comic Valentine

*He says: "Gee, I'm handsome,"
When talking to his lass.
'All the girls just go for me
'Cause I've got lots of class. . .
Just look at that profile —
John Barrymore—that's me,
Acting right on Broadway —
That's where I ought to be.
In tux or baggy tweeds
I'd outshine any guy. . .
And you are very lucky
To have me, myself and I!"*

*"You are so conceited"
Said his lass, disgustedly,
"And your profile is more
Like that of Durante.
. . . As for being on Broadway, lover mine,
You'd look much better on a —"*

COMIC VALENTINE!

—by Bertha Salavantis

Mica Dept. and Molding

By "EI" Felix

Welcome back, Ralph Gibeau, Millie Prevey and "Fran" Millard.

Observances

The knitting bug has hit the Mica Department. . . Have you seen the lieutenant's bar that Lucy Sinclitico is wearing? . . . There is to be a special refrigerated department just for "Tra" Bushika and Bernie Beauchamp. . . It must be wonderful to have a husband working in the lunchroom, isn't it, Dot Whipple? . . . Why does "Fran" Millard spend so much time in Albany, every week end?

(Nothing to report from the Molding room—if we don't hear from them within the next week, we'll go down and see if they're still living.)

P. A. A. Soldering

By "Dot" and Gloria

Because the Stove Solderers haven't been heard of for some time, we scouted around and this is what we learned:

A group of Solderers held a party at the home of Jane Dufraine. From what we hear, the hit of the evening was Henry Thibodeau. *You'd better watch him, Eva.*

To Viola Hazzard: We wish a speedy recovery to "Mike" who is in the hospital.

Another get-well wish goes to Rose Corsi, ill at her home.

We were glad to have Mary Ann Trotter win the bet—the chocolates were delicious.

A song dedicated to the Department: "There is no Breeze."

Ideas are like children — your own are wonderful!

Resistors

By Della Keating

We congratulate "Chick" Currant on his recent election as department representative.

"Steffi" Nowak spent the week end in Springfield—buying her trousseau. (It won't be long, now.)

"Fran" Mancuso is also wearing a lovely diamond. (Cupid has been very busy, lately).

We wish a speedy recovery to Blanche Tatrow's husband, and to Kay Mantello—we miss you, Kay.

Have you noted that peculiar love-light in Theresa Pisano's eyes? What's up?

Jenny King went "shop-lifting" over the week end. She bought a hat and hooked another one on her umbrella, but her conscience bothered her and she returned it.

Art Bissailon spent the week end in Adams. As usual, he played two games of checkers and has been tired ever since.

Helen Jobin went white rabbit hunting recently. All she caught was her trouser on a barbed wire fence. *Sure you weren't fox hunting, Helen?*

Stella Beauchamp goes to the doctors weekly for injections into her arm. Poor kid! She is beginning to look like a pin cushion!

MEMBERS OF I. O. IMPREGNATING



This engaging baby was born in Canada and later served in the Canadian army. With a devil-may-care attitude, he loves hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He was recently married.--(Art Langlois).

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This young husky, with his sunny disposition, grew up to be fond of hunting and fishing. Though unmarried, it is rumored he spends much of his time in Williamstown.--(Yes, that's Ambrose Grew!)

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This serious young man is really quite happy-go-lucky. (Photo was taken 31 years ago.) He was a native of Italy, seems to be a confirmed bachelor. He likes swimming and home cooked spaghetti, especially when he cooks it himself.--(John Ranoni).

—Thelma Sherman

P.A.A. Waxing

By Rita Samia

We all wish Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas loads of good luck and best wishes on their 43rd wedding anniversary. May they enjoy many, many more!

We wish to extend our deep sympathy to the family of the late Elizabeth Markland, who died recently.

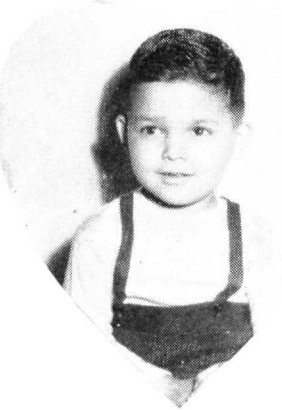
(More Brown Street news next page.)

Page of Valentines ---



Henry Thibodeau, husband of Eva of Stove Soldering, with their good friend Delma Mroz, of Stove Soldering.

BUSY BEAVER NEWS



Edward Morin, nephew of Julia Morin of PAA. Department and Lillian Colo of A.C. Line.

Maintenance

By Little Lulu

Down the Ski Trail with John Rosse

John purchased a swell ski outfit for the sum of \$42 and started for Dutch Hill. He went up the trail on the lift without a bit of trouble — but the coming down! Something went wrong, and to this day, he doesn't know what happened, but he has been all strapped up ever since. **FOR SALE** — At a bargain, one ski outfit — \$20.

With the moving of the Brown Street warehouse to Marshall Street, we say "So long" to Clayt (Mohawk) Haynes, Henry (Long-winded) Roy and Dick (Capitol) Briggs. But we also welcome back Charlie (Rags) Wilson who is moving in, bag and baggage. *Stay put for awhile, will you, Charlie!*

Al Cardinal's car is beginning to look like something — reason, "Doc" Plumb is working on it.

Tony Woloski is angry with Little Lulu. *(I insist, we're still pals, folks.)*

Everyone should have neighbors like Charlie Dean — they wake him up every morning and even take him to work. *(Guess I'll move over there, too.)*

Hot Off the Press

The Maintenance can provide a little excitement for you most any time. Today it was in the lunch room when John Rosse and George Coody went into a clinch. Everybody there thought that the boys must be going together steady — except Tony Woloski. Somehow, he got between the two athletes and found out they weren't fooling. *(See, Tony, it isn't my fault if you always get into the news.)*

See the story on "Tank" Wilson on opposite page.

Births

Son — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Filiault are the parents of a son born January 30, 1947. The father is employed in Maintenance, and mother is Alice, of the Dry Test Department.

Son — Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Dion are the parents of a son born January 23rd at Pittsfield. The father is employed in the Machine Shop.

Son — Mr. and Mrs. William N. Falcon are the parents of a son born December 24th. "Bill" is employed in the Brown Street Maintenance Department.

Son — A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chaput recently. "Cassie" was formerly employed in the Resistor Department.

Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers are the parents of a daughter born January 18, 1947. The mother is the former Ruth Gifford of B.T.A.

Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. William Vareschi are the parents of a daughter born January 18. The proud father is "Bill" of the lunch room.

Daughter — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green at Plunkett Memorial Hospital, a daughter, Patti Lynn, January 23. Mrs. Green is the former Alice Puppelo of the Mica Laboratory.

Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross are the parents of a daughter born January 27. The mother is Rita, of the Boxing Department.

Main Office Memos

By Whodunit

Joan Bryce is getting up in the world. She recently gave a speech (a one-minute one) at a Scottish banquet. *(Ask her with whom she sat.)*

Doris Sanford was presented a watch by her co-workers when she left us. We hope you like your new work, Doris.

Ruth Tavelli seems excited this week. Could it be that she was fortunate enough to find an apartment? ? ?

With Easter drawing near, one of the most discussed subjects is *style*. It seems that everyone is saying, "What should I buy for Easter this year?" Never mind girls, there's plenty of time yet to worry about the Easter Parade.

Engineering Drafting

By Bob Garner

Repair Service — If you need car repairs or the selling of demolished vehicles, please contact our able mechanic — Ray Lamoureux.

If errands become more plentiful, our Bob Windover will need roller skates to keep up with his schedule.

Overheard down street: "Bill Ross won that race again at Hialeah Track." Well, thought I, has our Bill Ross been winning on the races lately? However, I learned that there's a racehorse, Bill Ross, who has been winning on the tracks recently, and not *our* Bill Ross.

Your reporter went ice fishing recently and caught — *one fish, two very cold ears, two cold hands and two cold feet!*

Machine Shop

By Trombley, Walsh and Remillard

Congratulations to our Ray Bissailon on his engagement to Beatrice Brazeau. We all saw Al Daldoss using his brand new protractor.

Since writing this column, we never saw such a group of well-behaved boys — especially when we are within hearing distance.

Herb Surr was very pleased to have a one day visit from his brother, Fred, of South Carolina.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dion on the birth of their first son. His "mama" was formerly Diane of Check Inspection.

Observances

We note that Craig Ferguson loves to go to the floor below at noon to read the paper... that the soap box isn't large enough for big Ray Magnoli, Schuyler Dean and Cedo Remillard... that the never-failing shadow following Bert Peters is Joe Mazzu... that some day Nick Richardello is going to punch the clock and beat the dead line... Frank Petri finally found where the monkey wrench was after picking up quite a number of tools from the floor... After a lot of practice, "Les" Dustin has mastered the song: *Hey, Hey, Farmer Grey*. It's quite entertaining to see Herb Serr do those sleight-of-hand tricks with a deck of cards — I've seen a lot worse among professionals.

There's a lot of entertainment for bus passengers of a morning, when they see Jerry Gamari doing acrobatic stunts as he retrieves a lost dime... *Isn't that so, Walt Baumer?*

When it comes to getting news about Barney Lindquist's grandson, Barney says: "He's an average baby,"... but he says it with a great BIG SMILE!

"Yours Truly" made a big mistake about mentioning his birthday... it caused him a lot of embarrassment at closing time, when the boys gathered round and serenaded him with "*Happy Birthday*."

Strolling Along



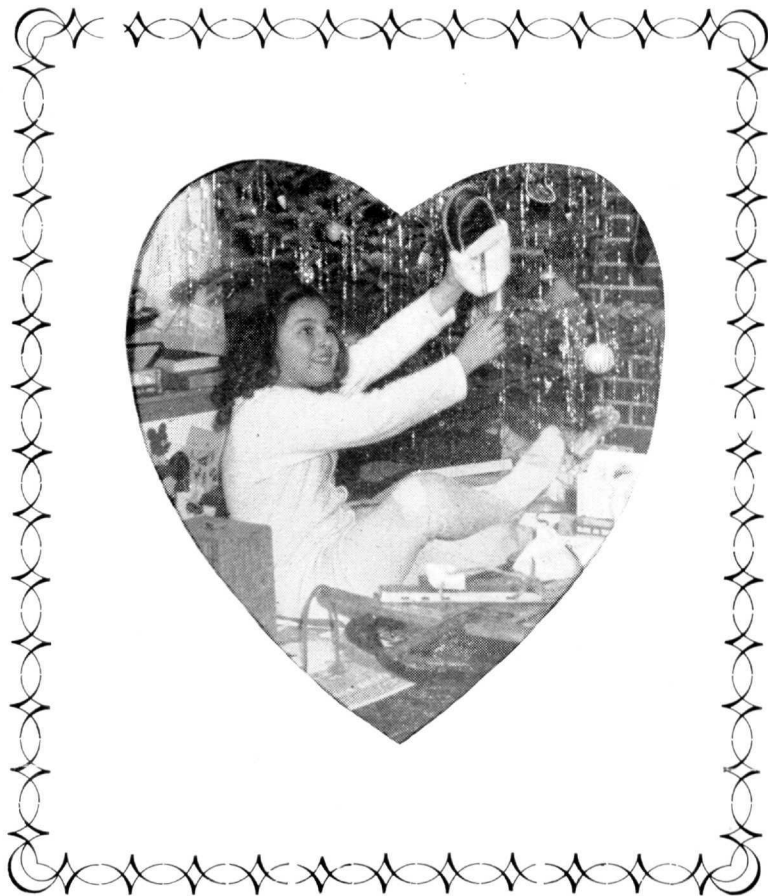
Lena Simonelli, of the PAA. Soldering, with "Gerry" Giusti, at Monroe Bridge.

Engagements

Miss Stephanina Nowak of the Resistor Department has announced her engagement to Mr. Theodore Leja. The wedding will take place in April.

Miss Frances Mancuso has announced her engagement to Mr. Frank Schmidt. The wedding will occur April 19, 1947 at St. Anthony's church.

Miss Lorraine Frances Trombley of the Paper Rolling Department has announced her engagement to Mr. Rocco Vigna of the Stockroom. No date has been set for the wedding.



A little "Christmassy", perhaps, but we think it's a sweetheart of a picture. Maureen Messier, daughter of Mary, of PAA. Rolling.

O little loveliest lady mine

What shall we send for your Valentine?

Summer and flowers are far away,

Gloomy old winter is king today.

We've searched the gardens through and through

For a bud to tell our regard for you.

But buds are asleep and blossoms dead,

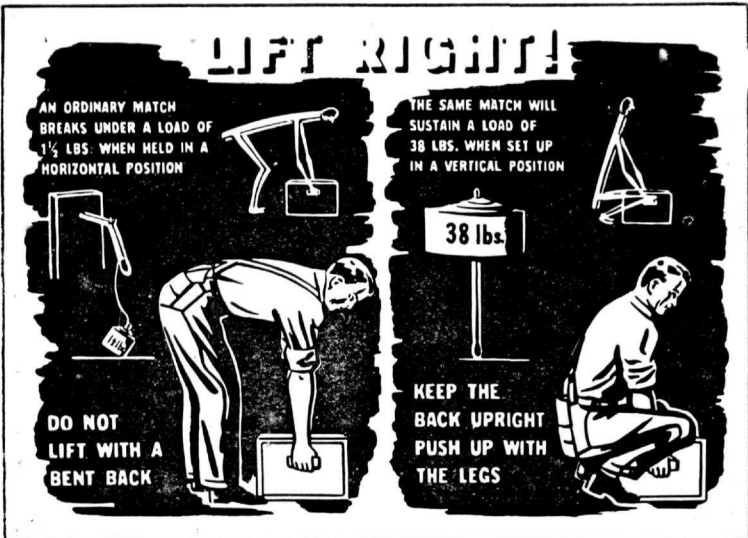
The snow beats down upon their poor heads.

... So, little loveliest lady mine

Here is our heart for your Valentine.

—Laura Richards

OUR SAFETY CORNER



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A. C. Line

By Lena Vicari

Attention! Elaine Fortin needs a recipe on how to hard boil an egg.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Pisano on their new restaurant. Alice invites us all to stop in and buy a couple of hot dogs.

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, our newly-weds.

Hey, Lil Colo, what's this we hear about you're buying a taxicab?

Did you wear *her* toes out, Larry Bergeron, since taking dancing lessons?

Speedy recovery to Jennie Chalifoux from her recent operation.

Della Krol must like her new job — she seems to be wearing her fingers right down to the bone.

Congratulations, Bill Mahoney, on your recent appointment.

Tubular Assembly

By Gert Hall

Happy Birthday to Edna Lavariere and Lucille Beaudry. Each received a cake and a gift from their co-workers.

Do we wish we had Matilda Carter's pep... She makes us younger ones green with envy!

Stephanie Szurek was bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding in Holyoke. (Bet she gave the bride some stiff competition for beauty honors!)

Welcome back, Dot Blanchard, — hope you're completely recovered from your illness.

Shorts

George Parker, in organizing a club, says women are positively taboo... and yet... he was seen on Main Street carrying a certain girl's books! !

Cordial welcome to the day shift, Harold Brosseau and Ernie Dupre.

Boxing

By Connie and "Sunny"

Another time, I bet Hazel Martin will check on Saturday morning work, before setting her alarm clock. Think of all the good sleeping time you wasted!

"Cob" DeGrenier and John O'Connell are our two new check inspectors — and they won't need microscopes for rejects, either!

Congratulations to Rita and Donald Ross on their baby daughter—Rita was a former co-worker of ours.

New technique in getting your man: Imprison him in the paper cutting room — and don't let him out until he says "yes." (Yes, we know it's all in fun, Lila and Red Johnson).

Imagine how Felicia Skowronski felt when she set her alarm clock at 6:00 A.M. on her day off! Murder! we say.

Poor Dick Kelly — all day long he hears "Open the Door, Richard."

And how could the boys of the Department get to work or to dinner if Joe Zona wasn't so generous with his "black wagon."

F. P. Dries

By Rose Moresi

FLASH — If interested in hiring a bloodhound, see Jerry LaRoche — Reasonable rates.

A blue ribbon to Grace McConnell for her delicious fudge. Her recipe is one to be treasured—*no sugar*.

A get-well wish for Lorraine Marceau from her friends. Hope you're back soon!

An ice-skating party was held by some of the younger crowd. A good time was had by all, despite flat tires.

When low in spirit, see Wayne Damon—his moron jokes (always plentiful) will either kill or cure you.

Our unusually warm weather, together with pictures of Florida beaches, displayed by "Billy" Gentry (our southern miss), has set many of us longing for the good old summer time.

Rumors are flying...June Bunting has taken up skiing...Evidence is found in the many black and blue marks she is displaying...Do you prefer ski sitting, June?

The Upper Offices

By "Flo" and "Doc"

Bill Campedelli was guest of honor at a party given by his wife in honor of their ninth wedding anniversary — and his birthday. (Happy birthday, Bill, and many happy returns of the day.) The members of his orchestra were present to help him celebrate. Bill tells us that he is now twenty-one!

We're happy to learn of the advent of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. "Hype" Bongiolatti. With the exception of her husband, we understand "Ray" is the happiest person in the world.



She might have posed for a Dresden doll... Yvonne Ross of Boxing nightshift at one year of age.

Boxing Dept. -- Night Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

Rita Swenson has returned to work after spending several days in Boston attending the 42nd Annual Champion Cat Club show. Rita is an authority on grooming cats and took charge of the feline, Champion Periwinkle White Christmas who walked off with top honors at the show.

Frances Siciliano is a different person with her new hair-do. Quite becoming, Fran!

Why does everyone tease Ernie Faustini so much. It took him and three girls ten minutes to untie the knots in his coat.

Since Lillian Forbush has had her car fixed, Mary Sullivan finds it less expensive getting to work. (Mary was slowly going broke taking taxis to work).

The law of averages does not hold true for Charles Sherman—just recovering from one automobile accident, he got into another accident the following day. Tough going, Charlie!

Congratulations to Olga Martinelli and her husband who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary, January 28th.

Dry Test

By Rita Johnson

We hope to find out how Mary Vienotte does her knitting — she starts with *four* needles and ends up with *two*. (It even surprises Mary!)

Our best wishes go with Joy Mancini who entered the Venerini Academy in Worcester. Joy was presented a silver rosary by her co-workers.

The "Invite Yourself Club" was entertained at the homes of Betty Secor, Marion Collings and Rachel Canedy. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

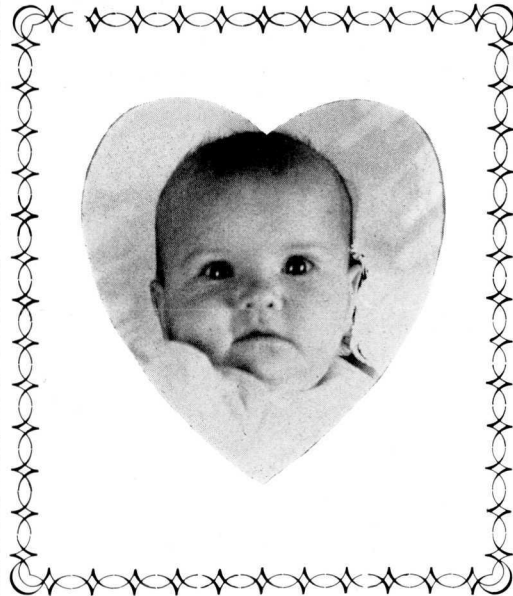
Sorry to have Ida Watts and Sally Tallerico leave us — and hope you'll soon return.

Need skating lessons — contact Esther Vitro. (Is it true, "Patsy" that John Pierce was your first pupil?)

Marjorie Hauptfleisch requests, that since she is *always* hungry — "*please don't throw any lunch away*."...Better watch your girlish figure, "Marge."

Sincere sympathy is extended to Alvina Schonfelder in the recent loss of her mother.

Deep sympathy to Joseph Davis in the recent loss of his father.



A sweetheart -- Sandra Jean Rivard, niece of Yvonne St. Pierre of Paper Rolling, daughter of Emma St. Pierre formerly of Mica.

Some people there are who understand
In a way that is all their own.
Of things we seek, and the joys we feel,
The hopes that we've made our own.
Such people are our dearest friends
They're part of all we do.
They make life brighter every day
In a thousand, different, kindly ways....
And so it is, dear child, with you.

Ovens -- Night Shift

By Bessie Brown

Johnny Crockwell, S 1/c spent a wonderful New Year's at home — his first leave in over a year, says his sister Alyce.

Billy Kelly started for Schenectady for a ball game—and ended up by spending the week end in New York!

What will Delia DeGrenier eat at rest period...That's easy, her usual ice cream cone.

Ovens

By Dukie Abraham

A collection was taken up in our Department for a hurricane coat for "Brownie" Lussier...who seems to be so-o-o-o-l-d lately.

That inseparable twosome has broken up. Margaret Pedercini no longer is seen going home with Florence Clement...The reason — Margaret gets through work an hour earlier.

Is trouble troubling you, Clovis Lambert — you're *too quiet* lately.

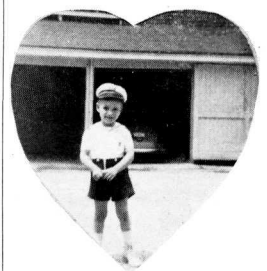
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F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

Here we are, in the first week of February, and you girls better start thinking about your Easter bonnets. I'm a little ahead of schedule, but spring will be here before you know it!

What's happened this past week?... Well, Jimmy Millis is engaged to marry Bernice Wade...And Ann Blasi has a blouse for sale...And last Friday turned out to be Mary Schubael's lucky day...We're glad to welcome back Dot Rice and Irene Booth...Well, that's about all — *and don't forget, Jang, any time you have news, do let me know.*



Roger Styczynski, nephew of Melva Heelan of Block Annex. His mother, Rita, formerly worked here.

Dry Rolling

By "Shorty" and Ruth

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Bernie's back, blushing—
Josie is, too!

—Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Armata are back ready to settle down to the blissful, quiet ordeal (?) of married life.

The basketball team is coming right along. That game, girls, was just a try-out but the next one --- *And did you see the sweet uniform the girls wear.*

You fellows with a yen for good things to eat, get your best sports coat and gabardine slacks pressed, for Ada Frazier is teaching Jeannette Roy to bake. *So far, everything has been delicious.*

We've always thought that counting was one thing — and singing, another. But you should hear them together, as only "Carm" Tassone can do it. Beats "onezy - twozy".

—And speaking of singing—have you heard Red Lewitt and Art Molleur harmonizing on "Sweet Adeline." Such tone! Such singing! Such melody! There's nothing quite like it.

In less than ten weeks, Kay Battersby and Chuck Mulcahy will exchange their vows (April 12, 1947, to be exact).

Best of luck to Eric Hannaleck who has gone to California, and to Angelo Corbosiore, enjoying the sunny climate of Florida.

Paper Rolling

By Hubba Hubba

Birthday wishes are extended: "Lil" Trombley, "Jo" Farley and Roseann Vigna.

A birthday party was held in honor of "Lil" Trombley at her home, a nice lunch was served and everyone had a good time—(ask Helen Denno).

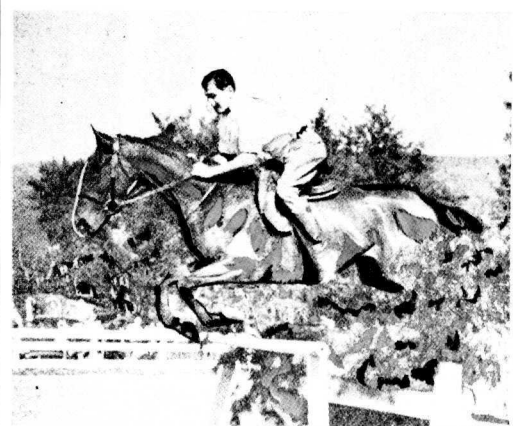
A supper party was attended by Enis Montagna, Claire Anderson, "Flo" Kondej, Kay Morrissey, Rose Neveu and Lena Solomon. They presented Roma Sacco and Roseann Vigna with birthday gifts.

Welcome back, Lena Bormolini—we're glad to see you again.

Why...?

Why does Eva Lescarbeau and Helen Denno frequent the big town of Adams...

Why does "Flo" Kondej's eyes sparkle when "The Shiek of Araby" is sung...Why does "Doc" Poissant wear that white apron — what's your profession, "Doc"?

A Winner in 1938 ---

Did you know that on September 11, 1938, Francis (Tank) Wilson of Williamstown took first place in jumping class on outside course, and placed in every event he entered at a horse show in Williamstown? The horse was owned by his father, Charlie Wilson.

MARSHALL MUSIC

Shipping and Carton Stock By The Gold-Dust Twins

So long to Dick Durkee who left the stockroom last week. Good luck, Dick, we will all miss you.

Francis "Butch" Gannon was recently interviewed on his coming marriage (April 12th.) When asked who will rule the house of Gannon, a broad smile crept over his face. "Why, that's easy, she will look after all the minor problems of the house and I will attend to the major ones."

Margaret Astorino and Viola Spagnola spent a day in Greenfield.

Fay Russell comes to work 15 minutes early every day. The reason for this is that she leaves home in such a hurry. When she gets to work she has to unpack that trunk she calls a purse and then put herself together. She certainly can do a lot in 15 minutes.

Donald Viens' favorite definition of flattery. Flattery is made up of soft soap, and soft soap is made of 90% lye.

Miles Heath's vocabulary consists of one word. "YEAH"

A Day in Marshall Street Shipping Room

A day in the Shipping Room begins at 8 o'clock with Ernie Belleau ringing the bell. We start the day by dusting the desks, while the boys sweep the floor and empty the waste baskets. Then, we sit down and begin our typing. You can hear both typewriters going at full speed till 9:45 then Ernie rings the bell for rest period. Then silence in the Shipping Room, while everybody goes to the lunch room for coffee (some call it coffee, some call it something else.) Ernie rings the bell and we come back full of pep to continue our typing. About 10:15 Jimmy Knox says: "Type this ten (10) page inventory. I must take the 10:30 Clipper to Beaver St. and I want to take this inventory with me." Then the typewriters go full speed ahead. And then Jimmy keeps adding: "Get off the dime, Cecile. Get on the ball, Topsy"...and we just barely finish the inventory for 10:30 and Jimmy runs for the Clipper, putting on his topcoat as he goes out.

Phyllis is now filing Bills of Lading and Packing Slips while Cecile is typing letters. Ernie is checking exports and Edgar and Bob are packing and dipping cartons and Esmonde is cutting them down. 11 o'clock arrives and they are now playing the Shipping Room song: "I used to work in Chicago." and the Model Room starts all the machinery running full blast and "I used to work in Chicago" is drowned out. And this noise continues till 11:30 when the music stops. The phone rings several times—"Hello, is Jimmy there?" No. He has gone to Beaver Street. It is now 12 o'clock, the bell rings, it is now time to go home. They cannot pull us away from our typewriters. We just love our work. We'll go home for a hot dinner and come back at one o'clock, with a bag of popcorn or chocolates to nibble on. Then the boys come in and ask: "What did you bring in this afternoon?" We say, "Nothing, today." They start looking in the desk drawers and filing cabinets to see what they can find good to eat. The girls are typing again and Jimmy is back from Beaver St. with a lot of work. Ernie has taken the Jeep and has gone to Bldg. No. 15 to work on shipments. It is now 2 o'clock and the music is on, and the Model Room has turned on all its

roaring motors so we cannot understand the words of our favorite songs. Bobby Knox is now coming in from school. Dashing in slowly and with terrific speed, slowly removes his coat and rubbers. It is now 2:30 and the shipments are piled high in the shipping room, and Phyllis says: "Oh, my gosh, all these shipments!! I will be here till seven o'clock." Bobby Knox, replies: "Hurry, I want to get out at five." The boys are now weighing up cartons and shouting the weights, the music is playing, the Model Room is making all kind of experiments with various motors, and the telephone keeps ringing. All this work takes us up to 5:30 when we go home. This ends a day in the Shipping Room.

"W.E."—Rollers and Stitches

By Erminia Sweeney

Congratulations, "Red" Garner, on the arrival of your baby daughter. "Red" brought in chocolates for the girls, and cigars for the men in the Department.

Our girls are still raving about their Christmas presents — Celia Josefiak about her beautiful wristwatch from "the boy friend"; Frances Goodman — her sweetheart ring and chain; Roma Rungay — a lovely pearl necklace; and all of us enjoyed the chocolates and cigars given us by "Pooley" King.

Good luck to Joe Candiloro, who will study at a trade school in New York.

Mary Volpi — we are still looking for that "deerburger" you promised!

Our sympathy to Lillian Catelotti for her recent bereavements.

Congratulations, John Soderstrom, from this department, too.

Maintenance

By Umbriago

HUSH! HUSH! Our Canary of the Carpenter Shop (Roy "Stubby" Caron) sings no more since he got his wings clipped. We wonder why?

Bill Falcon of the Plumbers' Gang is the proud father of a baby boy.

Glad to welcome Henry Richard after his recent illness.

Carl Perry went ice fishing up at Whitingham Dam. For a while, it looked as though he would have to take all the ice off the pond in order to get that fish out. Honestly, it weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 26 inches long! (A photo will prove it in a later Log issue).

Bill Mathews, formerly of the Painting Crew, has his ups and downs. (He now runs the elevator in Building No. 15).

Joseph Schneider, Jr. is often seen in Pownal, lately. Don't tell us, Junior, that you're looking for a CAR!

Miscellaneous Drys

By Eddie O'Neil

Singing About Our Department:

Phyllis Charron—Don't wait too long.

Dot Royal—Candy store jump.

Doris Derosia—Five minutes more

Celeste Pontier—

I haven't got a worry in the world.

Walt Osborne—Prisoner of love

Lucy DePari—Old Noah knew...

Lucille Hall—Life can be beautiful...

Mary Barry—

I'm keeping it confidential

Agnes Fitzgerald—Talking the blues...

Joe Collins—

Don't turn your back on me...

Gladys Mikuszewski—

Save a sweet smile for me...

Eleanor Perron—

Gotta' get me somebody...

Pauline Les—Those naggin' blues...

Eleanor King—Lips that touch...

Roland Roberts—

Beware, brother, beware...

Lawrence Scott—

Can't keep a good dreamer down...

Millie Rivers—Drifting and dreaming...

Theresa Beaudin—Miss Bobby Sox...

Charles Felix—

Somewhere in slumberland
(More in the next issue, folks.)

SPORTS.

Down The Alleys . . .



"It's bowling forms like these that make the old pins fall -- and Caesar Spagnola (at back), Pete Krzeminski and John Tolmie demonstrate their particular methods. Watch those curves, "Joe."

Silver Skates '47 Derby Held in Boston

Northern Berkshire Winners Bring Home Honors

While sport fans were leaving the larger cities in New England and taking special sport trains to the Berkshire section for skiing, our local skaters were leaving their homes to participate at Boston, in the largest skating derby ever held in Boston Garden. Some 14,000 thrilled fans sat through a colorful afternoon of amateur and professional skating, and came away with glowing accounts of this annual event.

Many of the fans were unable to get into the Garden, and it is a known fact that if accommodations could be had, a likely number of 20,000 fans would have witnessed this event.

North Adams Skating Club Participates

The North Adams Skating Club went down by train and found that upon their arrival, several events scheduled, were under way. And because of their late arrival at Boston, the event in which Louis Felix was to have participated was already under way. This was a "rotten shame", but with all events scheduled there could be no hitch in the proceedings. However, the troupe from the Berkshires did not feel too badly as several members gave excellent accounts of themselves. In the Girls' Juvenile Race, Rachel Leclair of North Adams won the first heat and in the final, came in third. In the Girls' Midget Race, Nancy Viner of Pittsfield won both heats and won in the final to become the 1947 Derby Champ of the Girls' Midget Division. In the Boys' Intermediate Race, Leo Patenaude of North Adams placed in the first heat, but was out of the running in the finals.

Local Lads In Final Heat

In the Boys' Juvenile Race, Robert Rose of North Adams came in second in the first heat, but was out of the running in the finals. In the Boys' Midget Races, two local youngsters did themselves proud. Norman Blair and Robert Dunn placed. In the first heat, Bobby Dunn came in second. On his first run, Norman Blair finished second. This moved both lads into the semi-finals which consisted of two heats. In the first heat, Norman Blair again was second and in the next heat, Bobby Dunn also was runner-up. This sent both local kids into the finals. In this last and exciting race of the Midget Division for Boys, Norman Blair who attends the Johnson school,

City Champions



Norman Blair, winner of the 5th Grade, with Francis Lewis, winner of the 5th Grade Grammar School Championship races held by the North Adams Skating Club. Norman is the brother of Lillian of Resistors, and of Millie of PAA. Rolling.

and who recently won the 5th Grade Championship at North Adams, was third, going into the next to last lap when he took a fall as he was rounding the turn and upon regaining his feet, spurred up to come in fourth. He made a grand recovery and the local club feels sure that he could easily have been runner-up if he had not taken that spill.

—Ken Russell

Skiing

Sunday, February 2nd was an ideal day for all skiers in this section. With the falling of 1-2 inches of new powdered snow, most of the trails were put in excellent condition for week end skiers. Cars from all parts of New England as well as New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York were seen passing through the Northern Berkshires for a day on the offered runs — "Dutch Hill" and Charlemont enjoyed the best day of the season with thousands trying the runs and the new tow lifts.

A Sad Case

Doctor: "This is a very sad case, very sad. I much regret to tell you that your wife's mind is gone — completely gone."

Husband: "I'm not at all surprised, Doctor. She's been giving me a piece of it every day for 15 years."

Bullett and Russell

Alley Echoes

The Prokars once more broke the tie with the Selkars and took over the leadership in the 1946-47 race for the Sprague Bowling League title. With "Walt" O'Dell setting the pace, the Prokars took two of three points from their arch-rivals. The ever-pressing Ceroes were given a rude jolt by the surprising cellar dwellers, the Koolohms who in the past two weeks, have snatched 5 of 6 points from the leading contenders. In recent weeks, John Tolmie of the Selkars has really mowed down the maples. With such spirit and perseverance, John can hardly miss being in the top five each week.

League Standings

January 30, 1947

	Won	Lost
Prokars.....	33	21
Selkars.....	32	22
Ceroes.....	31	23
Midgets.....	26	28
Atoms.....	20	31
Koolohms.....	18	36

THE FIVE "KING PINS"

As of Jan. 30, 1947

W. O'Dell.....	315
J. Fortini.....	313
G. Scarbo.....	307
P. Krzeminski.....	304
J. Schneider.....	303

THE FIVE "DUBBERS"

As of Jan. 30, 1947

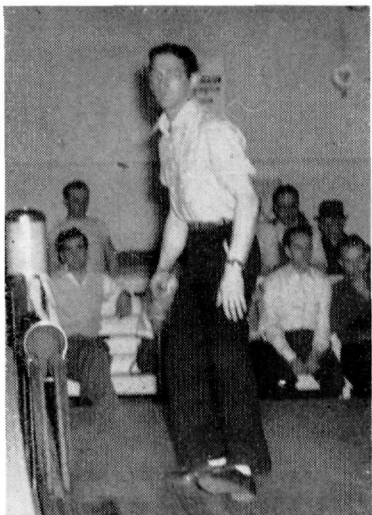
L. Dustin.....	247
J. Sullivan.....	247
T. Litalien.....	249
K. Russell.....	254
J. Faustini.....	255

RAY LAFRANCE



Bet Louis Vincelette (in background) had his fingers crossed when Ray LaFrance threw this one.

DONUT REMILLARD



Just throw the ball, "Red", you don't need to follow it down the alley.